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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA
SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 25 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. 4208th (resumed) meeting Security Council Chamber

Women and peace and security

3.30 p.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Somalia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Friday, 27 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. A Non-Paper by the President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Millennium Declaration has been circulated to all Member States. (Additional copies of the Non-Paper are available in room S-2925).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 39th plenary meeting Conference Room 1

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/98) [29]

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee [22]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/221);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.12)

3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/312/Add.1) [8]

4. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/55/L.15) [174]

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 22nd meeting Conference Room 1

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development [95]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.11

2. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [99] (A/55/407, A/55/74, A/55/139-E/2000/93, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/55/310, A/55/375)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [94]

   (c) Cultural development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.10

2. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [99] (A/55/407, A/55/74, A/55/139-E/2000/93, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/55/310, A/55/375)

   Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 34th meeting — Conference Room 4

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.8/Rev.1

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)] (A/55/177, A/55/213 and Add.1, A/55/214 and Add.1, A/55/275 and Add.1, A/55/279, A/55/280 and Add.1 and 2, A/55/283, A/55/288, A/55/289, A/55/291, A/55/292, A/55/296 and Add.1, A/55/302, A/55/306, A/55/328, A/55/342, A/55/360, A/55/395-S/2000/880, A/55/404/S-2000/889, A/55/408 and A/C.3/55/2)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)] (A/55/269, A/55/282-S/2000/788, A/55/294, A/55/318, A/55/335, A/55/346, A/55/358, A/55/359, A/55/363, A/55/374, A/55/400, A/55/403 and A/55/426-S/2000/913)

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [114 (d)] (A/55/36 and A/55/438-S/2000/93)

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [114 (e)] (A/55/36 (Suppl. No. 36))

   Introductory statements by:

   Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance

   Independent Expert on the right to development

   Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan

   Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti

   Dialogue with the Special Rapporteurs and Independent Experts

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 35th meeting — Conference Room 4

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)] (A/55/177, A/55/213 and Add.1, A/55/214 and Add.1, A/55/275 and Add.1, A/55/279, A/55/280 and Add.1 and 2, A/55/283, A/55/288, A/55/289, A/55/291, A/55/292, A/55/296 and Add.1, A/55/302, A/55/306, A/55/328, A/55/342, A/55/360, A/55/395-S/2000/880, A/55/404/S-2000/889, A/55/408 and A/C.3/55/2)

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4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [114 (e)] (A/55/36 (Suppl. No. 36))

   Introductory statements by:

   Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq

   Dialogue with the Special Rapporteurs

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 16th meeting — Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.7/Rev.1

Morning* — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

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* Following the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 16th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m. — 17th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159] (A/55/10)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3 (item 163)

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* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing on globalization and appropriate governance under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, *today*, 25 October 2000 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in *Conference Room 2*. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The briefing will be given by Professor J. Bhagwati of Columbia University. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations and press are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 25 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 25 October 2000

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environment issues)

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on INSTRAW)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND FOURTH COMMITTEES
(agenda item 34 (Oceans and the law of the sea))

1.15 p.m. - 2.15 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on human settlements; biological diversity; climate change; Rio+10 review; and water)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 99 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

6 p.m.- 8 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) *today*, 25 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee) *today*, 25 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be meetings of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 25 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6. p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Panel discussion

The International NGO Committee on Human Rights will host a panel discussion on "Thematic Special Representatives and Rapporteurs and their Mandates: Mainstreaming Their Work at the General Assembly " *today*, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of the panel will be Mr. Nigel S. Rodley, Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; and Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Independent Expert on the right to development. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Information meeting

An information meeting on "Gender Training for Peace Support Operations", organized by the delegations of Canada and the United Kingdom, will be held *today*, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 174 (The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order), organized by the delegation of Guyana, *today*, 25 October 2000, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 26 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. — 40th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Court of Justice (A/55/4) [13]

2. Oceans and the law of the sea: draft resolution (A/55/L.10) [34]

   (a) Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation.

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/61)

      (ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/311)

      (iii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its first meeting (A/55/274)

   (b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/386)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/55/L.11)

3. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [31]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/300 and Add.1 and 2)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.9/Rev.1)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Morning*	18th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 40th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10 30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Agenda item 34 (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Copies of the two draft resolutions under agenda item 34 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are available in room DC2-0461 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers on agenda item 34 are kindly requested to contact the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services (room S-3001H; tel.: (212) 963-5063).

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee will hold its 15th meeting on Thursday, 26 October 2000 at 3 p.m. and will begin consideration of agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 84 and the other remaining items (agenda items 85, 86 and 87) are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-0388), as soon as possible.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), as follows:

On Thursday, 26 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi);

On Friday, 27 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The 1st meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly (the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations), in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee prior to the 1st meeting, in room S-3420A.

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The resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 30 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Briefing

There will be a briefing by Mr. Horst Koehler, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, on "The Role of the Fund Following the Annual Meetings Held in Prague" on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council, will chair the briefing. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(agenda items 93 (a) and (b) (Sectoral policy questions)* on Thursday, 26 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8 and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir *(at the ambassadorial level)* of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on Thursday, 26 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing and dialogue on "Dimensions of the World Bank/United Nations Partnership" with Mr. Mats Karlsson, World Bank Vice-President for External Affairs and United Nations Affairs, on Thursday, 26 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the First Committee draft decision on small arms (A/C.1/55/L.28), organized by the delegation of Japan, on Thursday, 26 October 2000, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, to be submitted under agenda item 73 (General and complete disarmament), organized by the delegation of Canada, on Thursday, 26 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Reducing the Impact of Environmental Emergencies Through Early Warning and Preparedness - The Case of El Niño Southern Oscillation", organized by the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the United Nations University, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Strategy for Natural Disaster Reduction and the National Center for Atmospheric Research, on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the United Nations University Office (tel.: (212) 963-6387) or the UNEP Office (tel.: (212) 963-8094).

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on the G-8 Renewable Energy Task Force by the Co-Chairmen of the Task Force, on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The briefing is organized by the Energy and Transport Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Information meeting

There will be a preparatory information meeting for the Bamako Seminar on Universalization and Implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty in Africa (Mali, 15-16 February 2001), organized by the delegations of Mali, Canada and France, on Thursday, 2 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

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Workshop

The United Nations University and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing a workshop on "COP6 and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations" as part of their annual series on *Sustainable Development in Practice*. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 24 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4208th meeting

Women and peace and security

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Belarus, Botswana, Croatia, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Japan, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Mozambique, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Singapore, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Angela King, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, and to Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

Members of the Council viewed a video presentation on women and peace and security.

The Council heard a statement by the Secretary-General.

The Council then heard statements under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, and by the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, the United States, Tunisia, Argentina, China, the United Kingdom, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, the Netherlands, Canada, France (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, which aligned themselves with the statement), Malaysia, Ukraine and Mali.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the Council heard a statement by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Nepal, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Africa, Liechtenstein, Singapore, Pakistan, Japan, Cyprus and the Republic of Korea; by the Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs of India; and by the representatives of New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Indonesia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Australia, Croatia and Belarus.

The meeting was suspended.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.6

The representative of Tajikistan introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Globalization and interdependence [100]

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Norway, Mozambique (on behalf of the SADC), Indonesia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Belarus, Pakistan, Ethiopia, India, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of CARICOM), Yemen and Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

23rd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 100.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, China, New Zealand, Kenya, San Marino, Chile, Japan, Poland, Morocco, Slovakia, Brunei Darussalam, Thailand, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Myanmar and the Philippines.

The observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The Director, Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA, made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 100.

Organization of work

The Committee was also informed that Brunei Darussalam have become a co-sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7.

THIRD COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.24

The representative of Belgium introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in document, as well as Poland, the draft resolution.

Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.22

The representative of Pakistan introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraq, Togo and Yemen, the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.23

The representative of Cuba introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Russian Federation, the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [114 (a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Norway (also on behalf of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Chile), the Czech Republic, the Philippines, India and Ukraine.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the sub-item.

33rd meeting

Human rights questions [114]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in which the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Iraq, the Libyan Arab Jamahariya, the Russian Federation, Chile, Australia, Cuba and Cameroon, as well as the observer for Palestine, took part.

The Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Ms. Asma Jahangir, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary executions, in which the representatives of Singapore, the Lybian Arab Jamahariya, France (on behalf of the European Union), Kuwait, Egypt, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Saudi Arabia took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, Mr. Kamal Hossain, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, in which the representatives of Afghanistan, France (on behalf of the European Union) and the Russian Federation took part.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement in which she announced that action would be taken on Thursday, 26 October, at 3 p.m. on the following draft resolutions: A/C.3/55/L.8/Rev.1, L.17, L.19, L.22, L.23, L.24 and L.28.

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Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159]

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, India, Guatemala, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Botswana, Argentina and South Africa (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community).

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1880th and 1881st meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of fourth periodic report of Peru (CCPR/C/PER/98/4).

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Vienna, 8 April 1979

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "The United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations ". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 26 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until Tuesday, 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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